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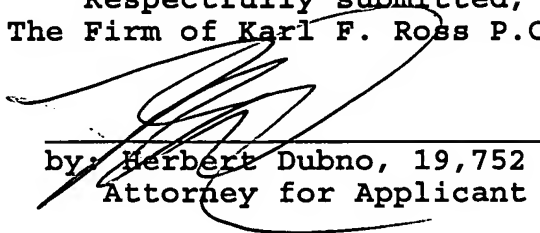
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For                              SLEEVE TYPE PACKAGING MACHINE SYSTEM,  
                                    PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR CHANGING REELS  
Art Unit                        3721                                      Examiner Desi,  
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CONFIRMATION OF PASSAGE TO ISSUE

This confirms a telephone conference held 1 September 2004 between Examiner Desi and the below-identified attorney.

It was agreed that, with minor changes to the claims, the case is now in condition for passage to issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
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